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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FOR TURKISH CORRESPONDENT

1. PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO MR. CEVAT TAYLAN,
TURKISH RADIO AND TELEVISION CORRESPONDENT, HABER MERKEZI,
KAVADLIDERE, ANKARA.

2. QUOTE
DEAR MR. TAYLAN:

WHILE I AM SURE THAT AN INTERVIEW SUCH AS YOU SUGGEST
IN YOUR TELEGRAMS TO SECRETARY KISSINGER AND ME WOULD BE
A MOST INTERESTING AND VALUABLE ONE, THE SECRETARY HAS
DECIDED, UPON REFLECTION, NOT TO GRANT ANY INTERVIEWS
BETWEEN NOW AND THE TIME HE LEAVES OFFICE.

IT IS HIS JUDGMENT THAT THE INTEREST OF A SMOOTH TRAN-
SITION BETWEEN ADMINISTRATIONS CAN BEST BE SERVED BY
LIMITING AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE HIS PUBLIC COMMENTS DURING
THIS PERIOD. THUS, HE IS DECLINING ALL REQUESTS FOR
INTERVIEWS, EVEN SUCH AN INTERSTING ONE AS YOU PROPOSE.

SINCERELY YOURS,

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